

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed February 25, 2009, rejecting all of the claims pending in the application ("Final Rejection"). In particular, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 4-20.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goldschmidt Iki et al. (U.S. Patent 6,594,825) ("*Iki*"), in view of Jeong (U.S. Patent 6,285,819) ("*Jeong*"), in view of Chernock et al. (U.S. Patent 6,314,569) ("*Chernock*"), in further view of Lownes et al. (U.S. Patent 6,137,539) ("*Lownes*"). Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks herein. Independent claims 1, 7 and 12 have been amended to expedite prosecution. New claims 21 and 22 have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose Applicants' invention. For example, Applicants' invention of claim 1 is an audio and/or video signal transmission system for transmitting an audio and/or video signal between a transmitting peripheral apparatus and a receiving apparatus. The system in part includes:

the audio and/or video signal transmitting peripheral apparatus including analog audio and/or video signal generating means for generating an analog audio and/or video signal, digital audio and/or video signal generating means for generating a digital audio and/or video signal, analog output means for outputting said analog audio and/or video signal, information generating means for generating a digital information signal containing information identifying a type of said transmitting peripheral apparatus and indicating a format type of said analog audio and/or video signal or said digital audio and/or video signal, a multiplexing circuit for multiplexing the digital information signal and the digital audio and/or video signal and producing a multiplexed digital signal, and

a digital input/output means for inputting/outputting said multiplexed digital signal, and

the audio and/or video signal receiving apparatus including a plurality of analog input means for inputting an analog audio and/or video signal from the analog output means, digital input/output means for inputting/outputting the multiplexed digital signal to/from the digital input/output means of said transmitting peripheral apparatus, a demultiplexing circuit for demultiplexing an output of said digital input/output means and producing a first output of said digital information signal and a second output of said digital audio and/or video signal,

wherein the audio and/or video signal transmitting peripheral apparatus is operable to asynchronously transmit the information identifying the type of said transmitting peripheral apparatus, and

wherein the transmitting peripheral apparatus is connected to the receiving apparatus, and the format type selectively indicates analog signal and digital signal;

Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that Goldschmidt does not disclose Applicants' claimed "information generating means for generating a digital information signal containing information identifying a type of said transmitting peripheral apparatus and indicating a format type" wherein the format type can selectively be one of analog and digital. (emphasis added.) The Examiner now states that:

Goldschmidt Iki et al shows that the source and format information is displayed in Figure 4 as an EPG. Under column marked 4022, source identifier is naming disk(1) and its format information in the following columns (dvd/ THX; Dolby AC2). This shows that once DISK(1) is inserted in the DVD players disk drive it automatically retrieves the source information (dvd/THX; DOLBY AC3) from the peripheral medium and stores it in the system controller so that it can be displayed in the EPG.

(Office Action at 2.) Applicants respectfully submit that the relied on references do not teach or suggest a generation of such format type information in a connected peripheral

transmitting device as claimed by Applicants.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of 1. Applicants submit that the claim and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance. For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that independent claims 7 and 12, as well as their dependent claims, are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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